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1. WE AGREE GENERALLY WITH EXCELLENT ANALYSIS CONTAINED
IN REF (A). HOWEVER, WE NOTE WITH CONCERN THE ASSESSMENT
THAT AN IAU ONE BILLION PROGRAM FOR 1980 - 1984 WOULD
INCLUDE ONLY "NORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE" AND THEREFORE
THAT THE LTDP, INCLUDING POMCUS, HARDENED LOGISTIC
FACILITIES, ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION STORAGE, ETC.,.

WOULD HAVE TO BE COVERED "BY AN ADDITIONAL (ALBEIT
WITHIN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM) HIGH LEVEL FUNDING
ENDORSEMENT." ASSUMING THAT SUCH LTDP MEASURES
RECEIVE APPROVAL AT THE SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL, AND IN
VIEW OF THEIR ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALITY TO ANY MEANINGFUL
IMPROVEMENT IN NATO ABILITY TO MOUNT
AND SUSTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF COMBAT CAPABILITY, WE
BELIEVE SUCH PROJECTS SHOULD BE ACCORDED A HIGH PRIORITY.
WITHOUT SUCH CONSIDERATION WE ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT THE
RESULT MAY BE A DOWNGRADING WITHIN THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE

PROGRAM OF KEY ELEMENTS OF THE LTDP IN FAVOR OF MORE

ROUTINE AND LESS MILITARILY ESSENTIAL PROJECTS.
WE URGE THAT ADDRESSEES EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE
WITHIN THE NEXT 5-YEAR PROGRAM FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT
TO SUPPORT THE NEW NATO PROJECTS UNDER THE APPROVED
LTDP.

2. WASHINGTON REPS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS
FURTHER THIS SUBJECT AT FORTHCOMING EUCOM
INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE ON APRIL 4-5, 1978.

3. RESPONSE FROM JCS BEING STAFFED,AS REQUESTED REF (B).

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